INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Not for submission under 37 CFR 1.99)

| | IDS with Certification Statement |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Application Number | 10718753 |
| Filing Date | 2003-11-21 |
| First Named Inventor | Alexander Hoffmann |
| Art Unit | 2132 |
| Examiner Name | ABDULHAKIM NOBAHAR |
| Attorney Docket Number | 16274.171 |

| | U.S. PATENTS | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. | Patent Number | Issue Date | Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear | | | | |
| | 1 | 6058476 | 2000-05-02 | Natsume Matsuzaki | Counter-part to CN1170995A | | | | |

| | OFFICE ACTION / NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE DOCUMENTS | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite No. | Application Number | Mail Date | Document | | |
| | 1 | 200410095201.0 | 2008-04-11 | Office Action (China) | | |
| | 2 | 04090443.5 | 2006-03-20 | Office Action (EPO) | | |

| | EXAMINER SIGNATURE | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Examiner Signature | | Date Considered | | | |

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through a citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language translation is attached.